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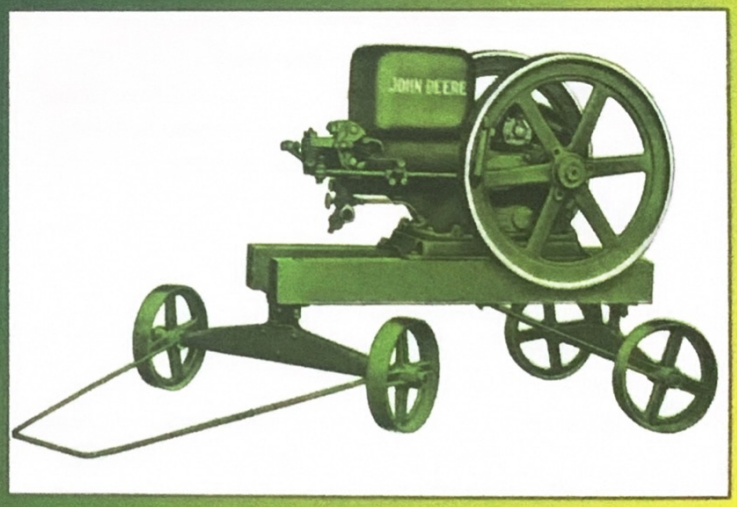

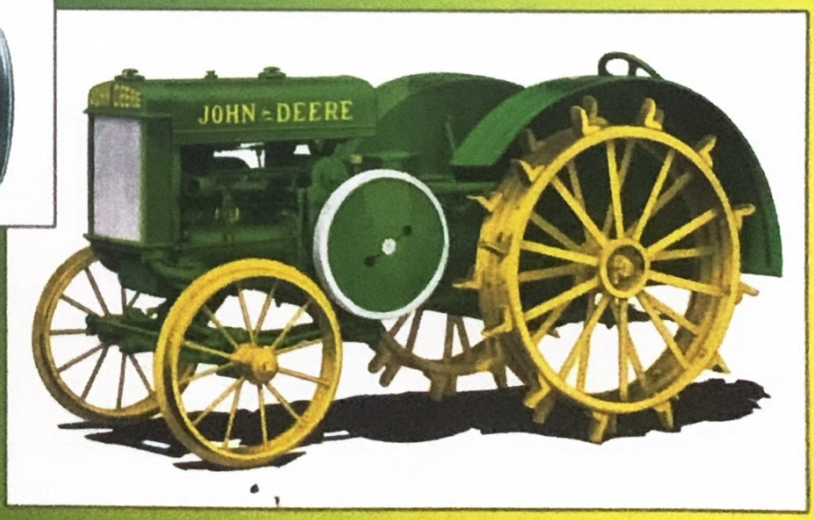

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Schedule of Events for Classic Green Reunion 2023

Wednesday, June 14

8:00 am to 8:00 pm: Exhibit Set Up

Thursday, June 15

9:00 am: Gates Open to General Public
9:15 am: Flag Raising
9:30 am: Donut Run
10:30 am (and periodically throughout the day): Blacksmith Demonstration
11:00 am: Gen II tractor talk with Steve P. / Buddy K.
12:30 pm: All "E" Engines crank up
1:00 pm: Parade (Stage at west end of the Farm Bureau Building)
Throughout the day: Tractor photos smile for the camera certain times with Joey
2:00 pm: Braxton Driving Course for Classic Green Driver's License
3:00 pm: Seminar at the schoolhouse - Peanuts with Hamilton H.
3:30 pm: All "D's" start up
4:00 pm: Tractor Driving (one hour)
4:00 pm: Bike Parade through Fiddlers Grove (Stage at east end of the Farm Bureau Building)
5:00 pm: Classic Green Annual Meeting
8:00 pm: Flag Lowering; Show closes

Friday, June 16

7:30 am: Vendor Breakfast
9:00 am: Gates Open to General Public
9:15 am: Flag Raising
9:30 am: Bike Parade through Fiddlers Grove (Stage at east end of the Farm Bureau Building)
10:00 am: All "D's" Start Up
10:30 am (and periodically throughout the day): Blacksmith Demonstration
10:30 am: Braxton Driving Course for Classic Green Driver's License
11:00 am: Gen II tractor talk with Steve P. / Buddy K.
11:00 am: Tractor Driving (one hour)
12:30 pm: All "E" Engines Crank Up
1:00 pm: Parade (Stage at west end of the Farm Bureau Building)
Throughout the day: Tractor photos smile for the camera certain times with Joey
3:00 pm: Seminar at the Schoolhouse – Cotton with John M.
3:30 pm: All "D's" start up
4:00 pm: Tractor Driving (one hour)
5:00 pm: Social Hour before Trivia Night
6:00 pm: Tractor Pull
6:00 pm: Trivia Night
8:00 pm: Flag Lowering; Show closes
8:30 pm: (+/-) greatGgiveaway live on Facebook (at finish of Trivia Night)

Saturday June 17th

9:00 am: Gates Open to General Public
9:15 am: Flag Raising
9:30 am: Braxton Driving Course for Classic Green Driver's License
9:30 am: Bike Parade through Fiddlers Grove (Stage at east end of the Farm Bureau Building)
10:00 am: All "D's" Start Up
10:00 am: Kid's Pedal Pull
10:30 am (and periodically throughout the day): Blacksmith Demonstration
11:00 am: Gen II tractor talk with Steve P. / Buddy K.
11:00 am: Tractor Driving (one hour)
12:30 pm: All "E" Engines Crank Up
1:00 pm: Parade (Stage at west end of the Farm Bureau Building)
Throughout the day: Tractor photos smile for the camera certain times with Joey
3:00 pm: Seminar at the Schoolhouse - Tobacco with Karen S.
4:00 pm: Tractor Driving (one hour)
5:00 pm: Flag Lowering; Show closes
5:30 pm: Social Hour before Banquet
6:30 pm: Banquet

Sunday, June 18 - Father's Day

7:00 am to 9:00 am: Send Off/Thank You Breakfast/Father's Day Breakfast

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Hello

from the Show Chair Couple

Thank y'all for coming and welcome to Tennessee. We are glad y'all are here and hope everyone has a great time. This is the third Classic Green Reunion, and we are excited to be hosting it and y'all in the great state of Tennessee.

We would like to say THANK YOU to everyone who has had a part in helping to make this show come together. It takes so many people, and many people have had a big part in this one. Jamie and I have had the pleasure of being a small part of such a great show committee and team.

Jamie and I have talked, emailed, or messaged so many people leading up to this reunion and we hope we get the chance to meet everyone we have spoken to.

We are doing some new and different things at CGR23, with trivia night on Friday night, drawing for the Great "G" Giveaway tractor and having the banquet on Saturday night, and a few other things. These will be fun and exciting events we hope everyone enjoys.

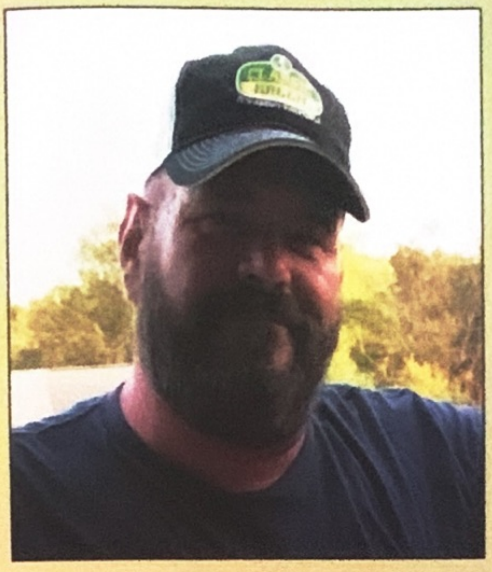
We would like to say THANK YOU to all our sponsors and vendors—without them, this show would not be possible. Please visit with each of them throughout the show and thank them for being a part of CGR23.

It is about the PEOPLE!! That is our slogan and Jamie and I have had the pleasure of meeting and visiting with so many wonderful people by showing our tractors. We haul tractors from here to there, but it's the PEOPLE who keep us coming back, the tractors are just a bonus.

Thank y'all again for coming and we hope y'all have a great time.

Jamie & Jackie Bell
2023 Show Committee Chair Couple

Thank you
from the President



Welcome to the Classic Green Reunion 2023! Thank you for coming. It is hard for me to believe this is our third reunion. First was CGR19 in Grand Island, Nebraska, then CGR21 in Columbus, Ohio, and this year CGR23 in Lebanon, Tennessee.

This event would not be possible without the dedication and hard work of our show committee, board of directors, exhibitors, sponsors, vendors, and volunteers. A special thank you to Quinton Smith and the staff of Wilson County Fairgrounds, Gayle Hibbert and the staff of the Farm Bureau Expo, Fiddlers Grove staff, and Jason Johnson with the Wilson County Convention & Visitors Bureau.

I want to thank Jackie and Jamie Bell for all their time, help, and passion as the co-chairs of the Classic Green Reunion, board of directors, and founding members. We would not be here without you both.

We cannot thank all of you enough for attending and for your support. We hope you have a chance to meet some great folks and understand why at Classic Green we say, "It's about the people."

Chris Boyens
Founder and President of Classic Green

About Classic Green

Classic Green was founded in the winter of 2018. The founding board members were Jackie and Jamie Bell, Chris Boyens, Tony Knobbe, David Reed, Darren Redding, Neil West and Alex Woodward.

The organization's mission statement: The purpose of the organization is to unite all John Deere collectors and enthusiasts globally by establishing an organization for everyone who enjoys John Deere products, collectibles and memorabilia through exhibiting, collecting, preserving and restoring all things related to John Deere.

2019 marked the first Classic Green Reunion, another was held in 2021 and this 2023 event is the third. Plans are that the show will be held every other year in selected locations.

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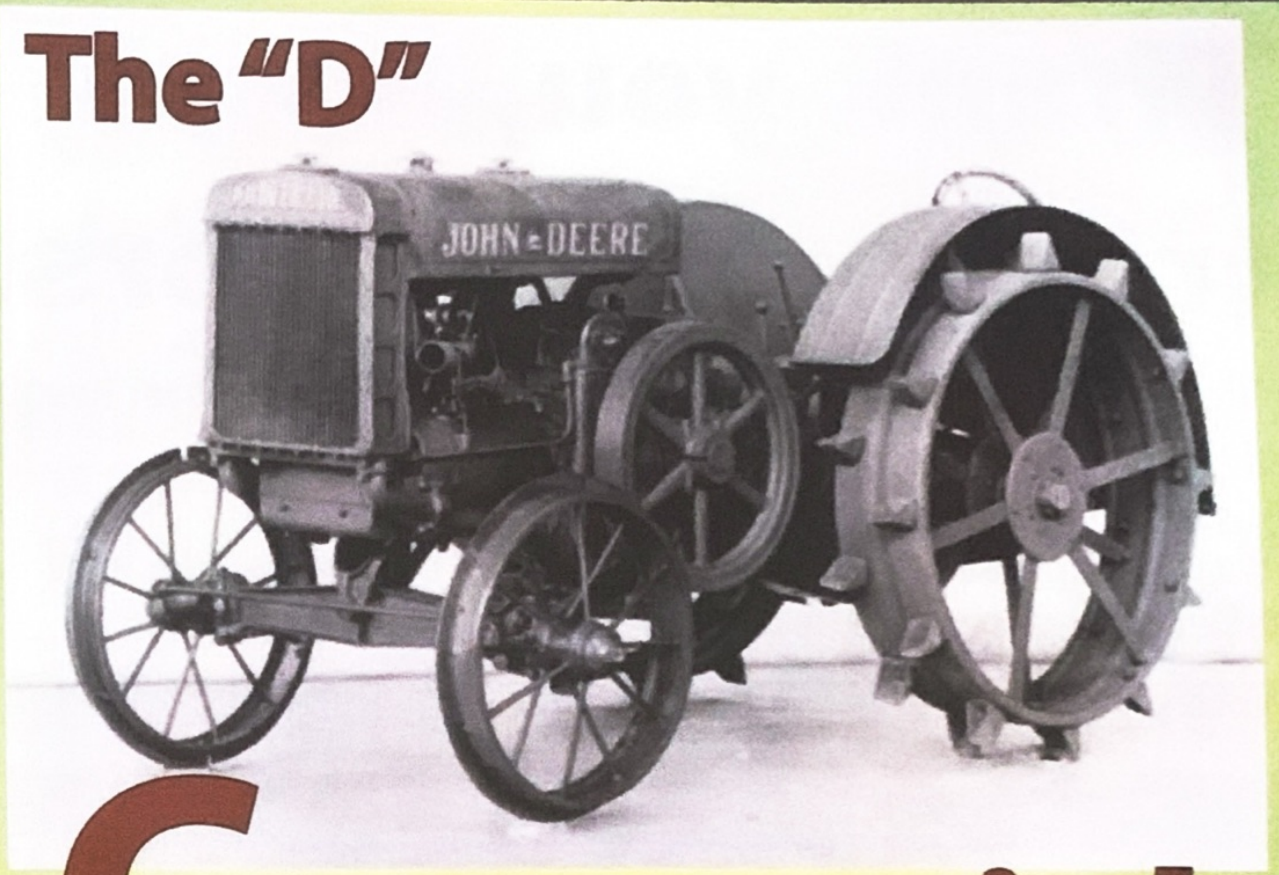

Centennial Celebration

May 30th, 1923 is an unrecognized date for most of the world. For the avid John Deere collector, it should be a national holiday. Eighty-six years after the company began, they released the first and arguably the most iconic tractor of John Deere's storied history, the model "D." It proved to be the longest produced tractor, the most powerful for many years, and the most welcome relief from following Dobbin around the field. The variety and iterations were numerous, beginning with the famous spoked flywheel of the first one, to being assembled in the street on the last one. If ever a tractor deserved to be celebrated, this is the model.

Anyone who doubts what I am saying should have been at "The John Deere D Plow Day 7-23-22," an event our Facebook group used to kick off the festivities for the Classic Green Reunion, CGR23. Nearly 80 registered to bring their "D" and plow from as far as 750 miles away. We had 50-plus that showed and plowed after two inches of rain in the morning. Everyone who came left with a smile on their face.

The Centennial Celebration here in Lebanon will be even better. We are expecting between 150 to 200 "Ds" for this celebration! There will be Spokers, Nickels, Corn Borer, Depression Era, Industrials, Exhibits A & B, Crawlers, Streeters, Steel Wheeled, rubber tired, Unstyled, Styled, painted, unpainted, original, with many, many options, and variations. Just as the Plow Day was something to participate in, this will be an event that you and your tractors will want to be a part of. There won't be a bigger, more important John Deere tractor celebration in your lifetime.

We want to thank you for joining us for this historic event. We look forward to meeting each and every one of you as we have created this opportunity for all of us to celebrate together!

—Mike Ostrander

Thank you, tractor collectors.

I have been publishing tractor specifications online for over twenty years to make them available for everyone.

I want to express a sincere thank you to all the people who have helped with photos, measurements, and suggestions.

-Peter Easterlund

My grandfather with a new 4430 in 1973

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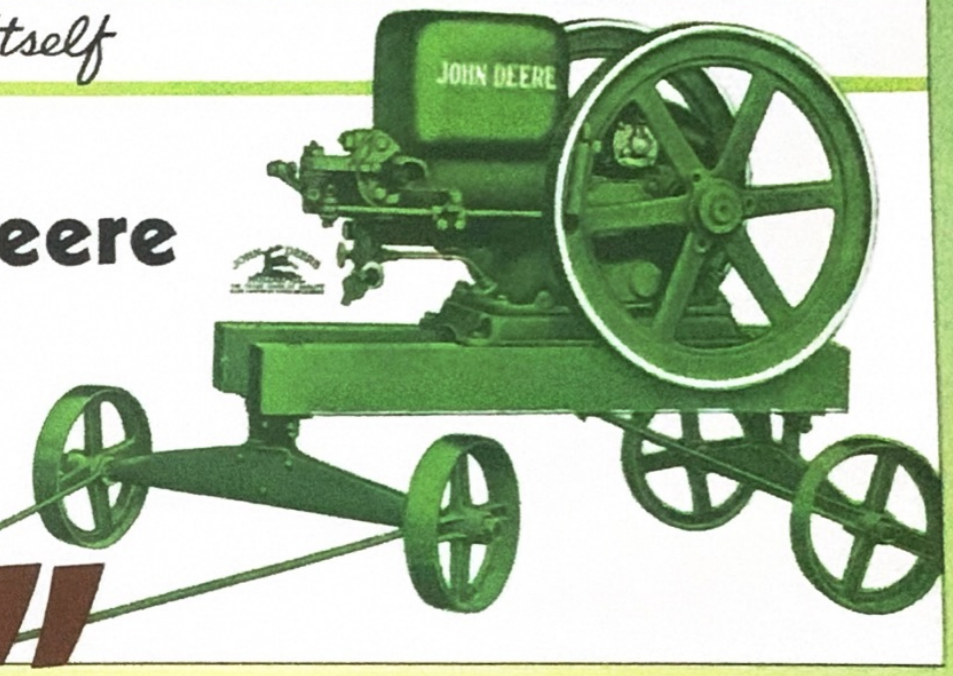


"E" ENGINES

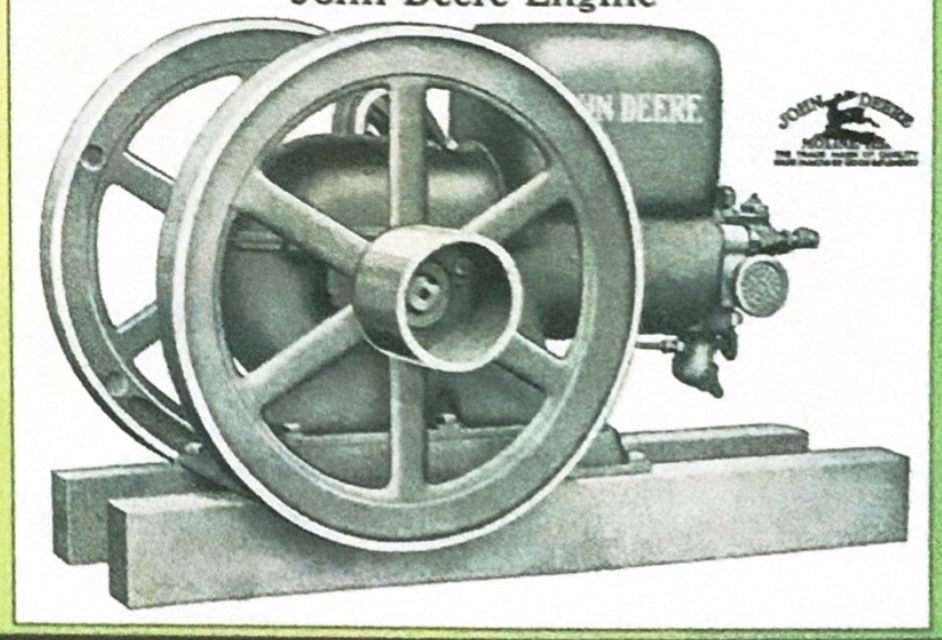
Deere and Company branch houses had already been selling stationary gas engines built by Root and Vandervoort, New Way and others and had begun work on their own engine when the company purchased the Waterloo Gasoline Engine Company in 1918.

The new Deere model "E" engine introduced in 1923 was revolutionary in that it had an enclosed crankcase. Built in three different sizes—1-1/2, three and six horsepower—these engines were for the most part unchanged, though there are exceptions and rare models. The "EP" models were built for dusty conditions and shipped mostly to the south. Some of these were rebuilt and sold in other areas and are now known as "Northern EPs." Designed for the export market, the "EK" engines had throttling governors and were designed to run on kerosene. There were also engines that used spark plug ignition, rather than ignitor, engines with different bases, and some early models had "John Deere" embossed on the side of the tank.

Welcome to Lebanon and be sure and stop and see all of the different "E" engines on display.

—Mark Ostrander

John Deere Engine



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FFA, CGR team up for fundraiser

While at the Classic Green Reunion, be sure to stop and register to win the restored 110 lawn and garden tractor. It's just one of the projects that Classic Green has initiated in order to encourage and support the youth who are interested in sharing in our hobby.

The little tractor was donated by Steve and Shawn Baker of Kokomo, Indiana, and restored by the Dickson County Tennessee High School FFA chapter under the direction of adviser Jason Wallace.

Donations of parts for the project came from Darren and Mark Redding of Burlington, Indiana, HAPCO of Mt. Vernon, Indiana, Evergreen Restoration of Spooner, Wisconsin, and the tires came from Wilson Tire of Marengo, Ohio.

You can purchase a raffle ticket for the tractor from Dickson County FFA members or at this show and any others where you see Classic Green. The drawing will take place at Classic Green Reunion 25.

The proceeds will be shared by Dickson FFA and Classic Green.

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However, you still have a chance to be the winner. Find the Classic Green booth at the show to purchase your ticket to win.

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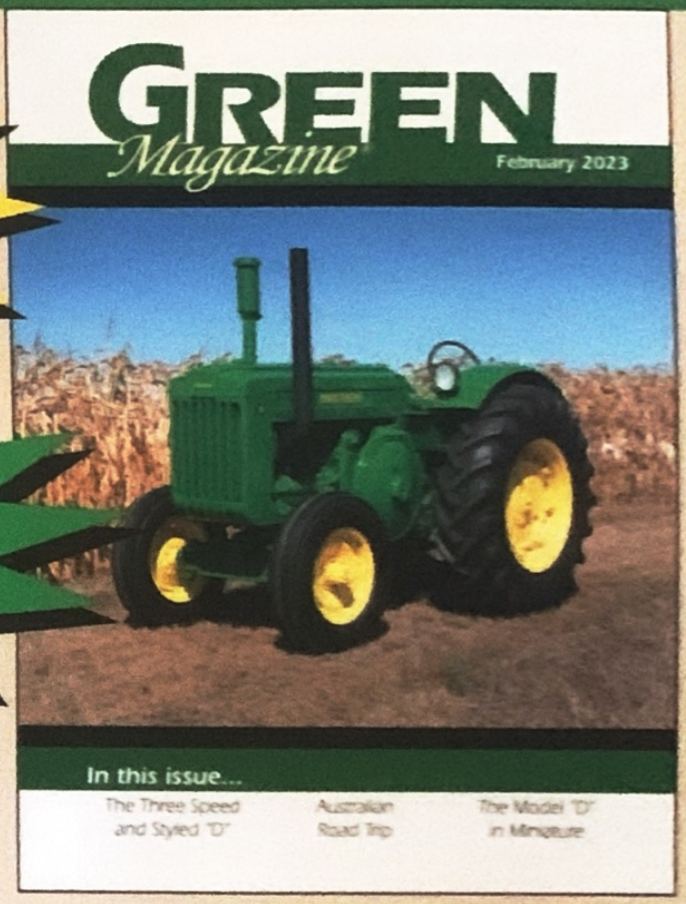

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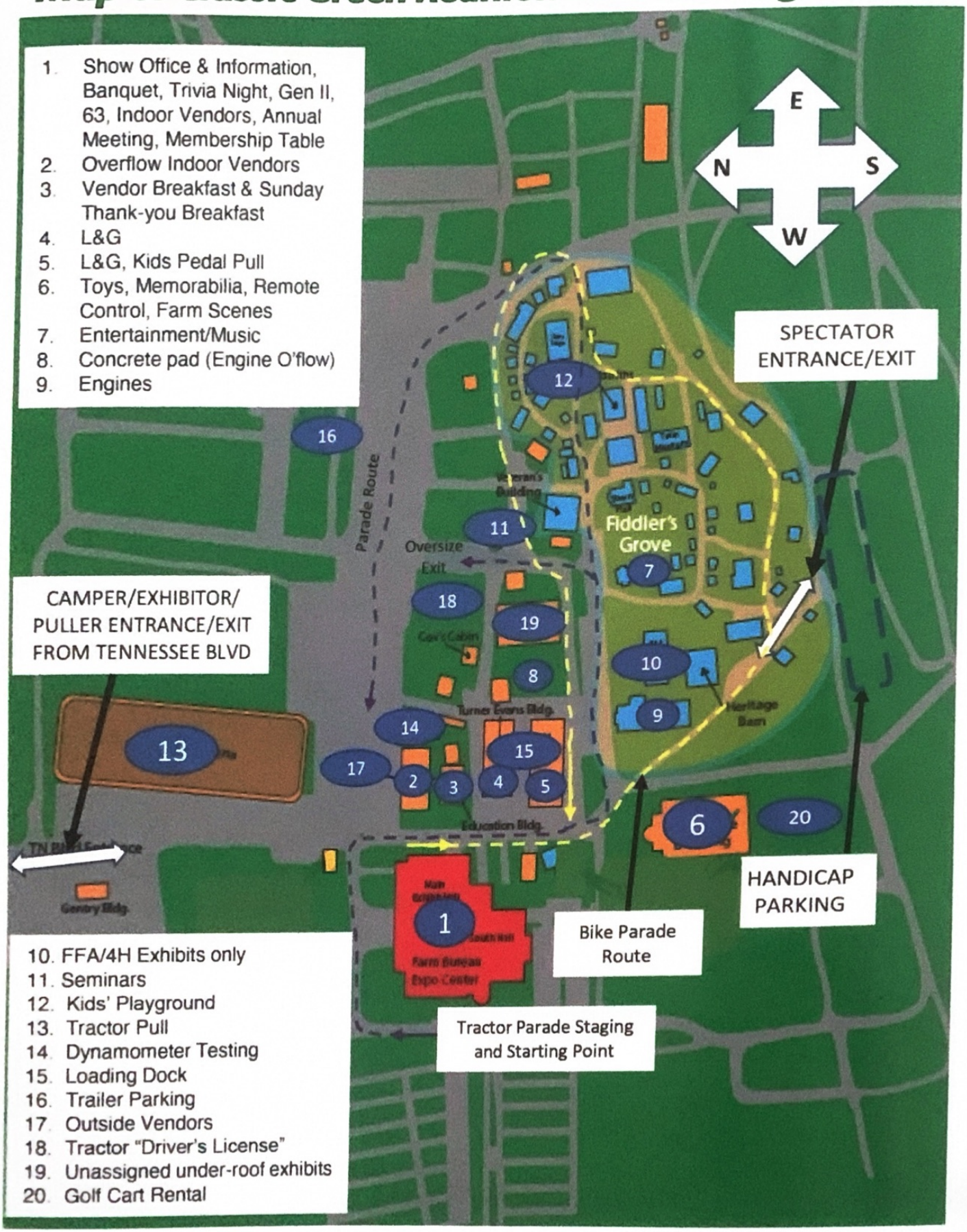

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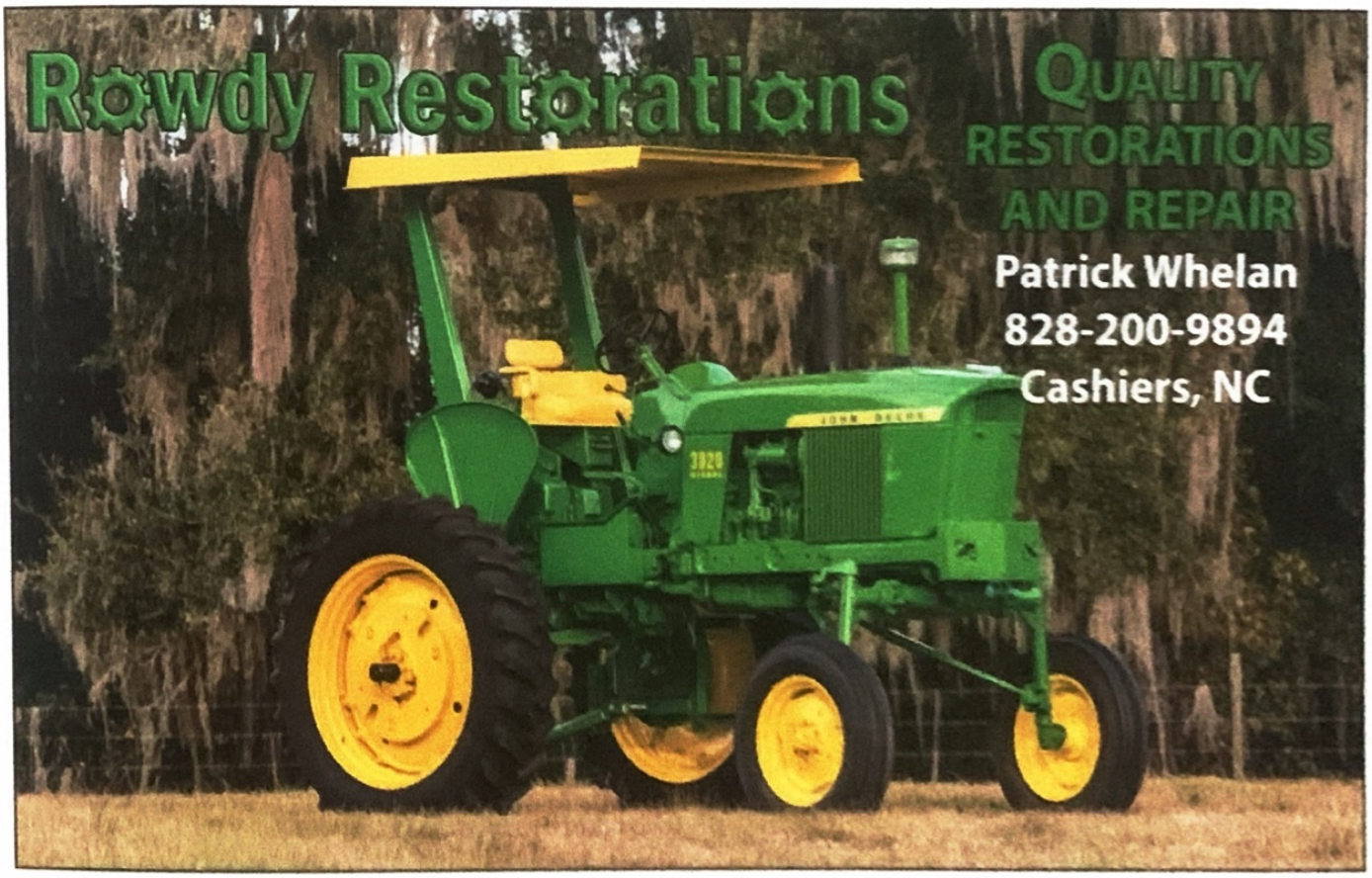
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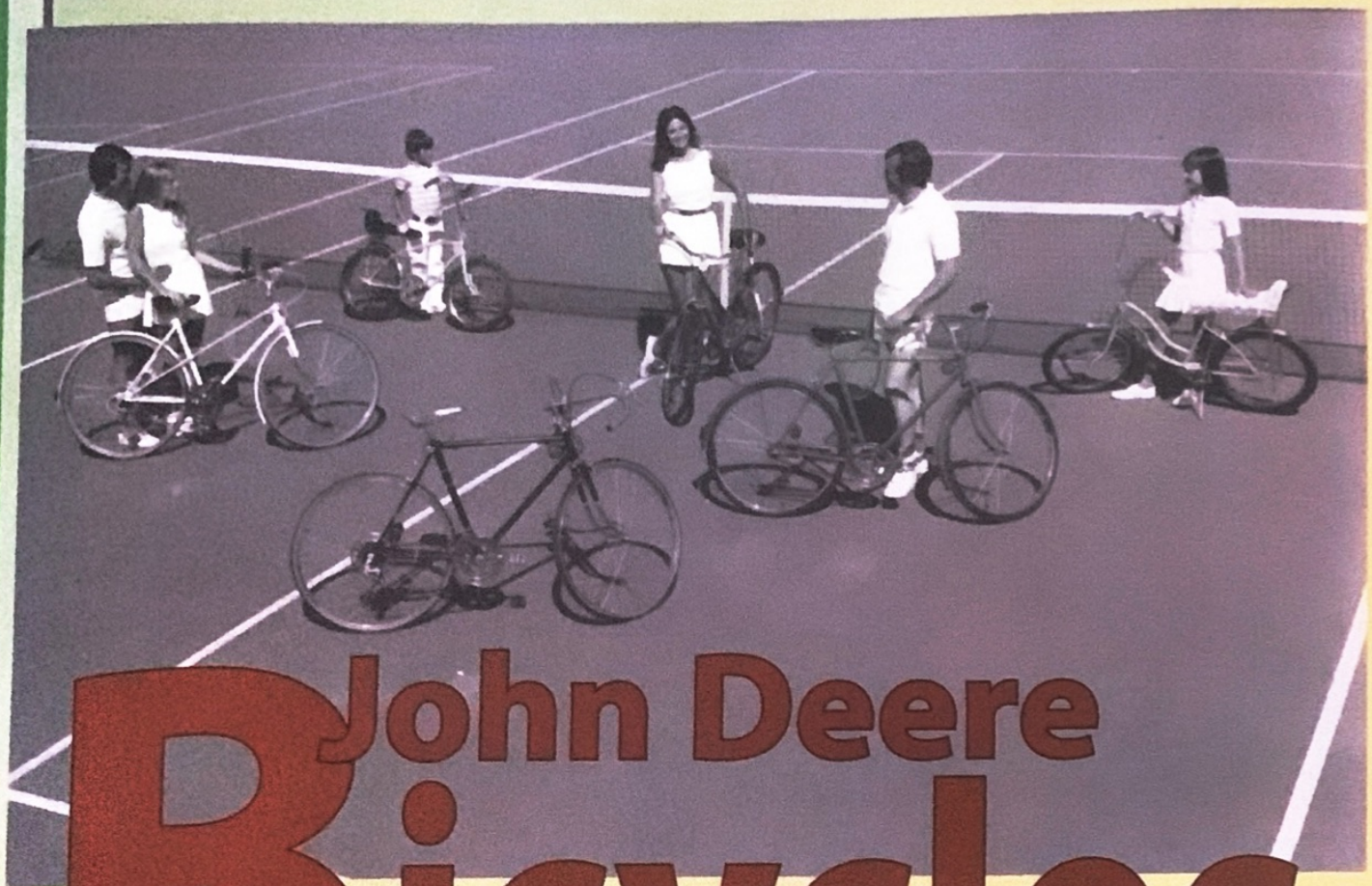
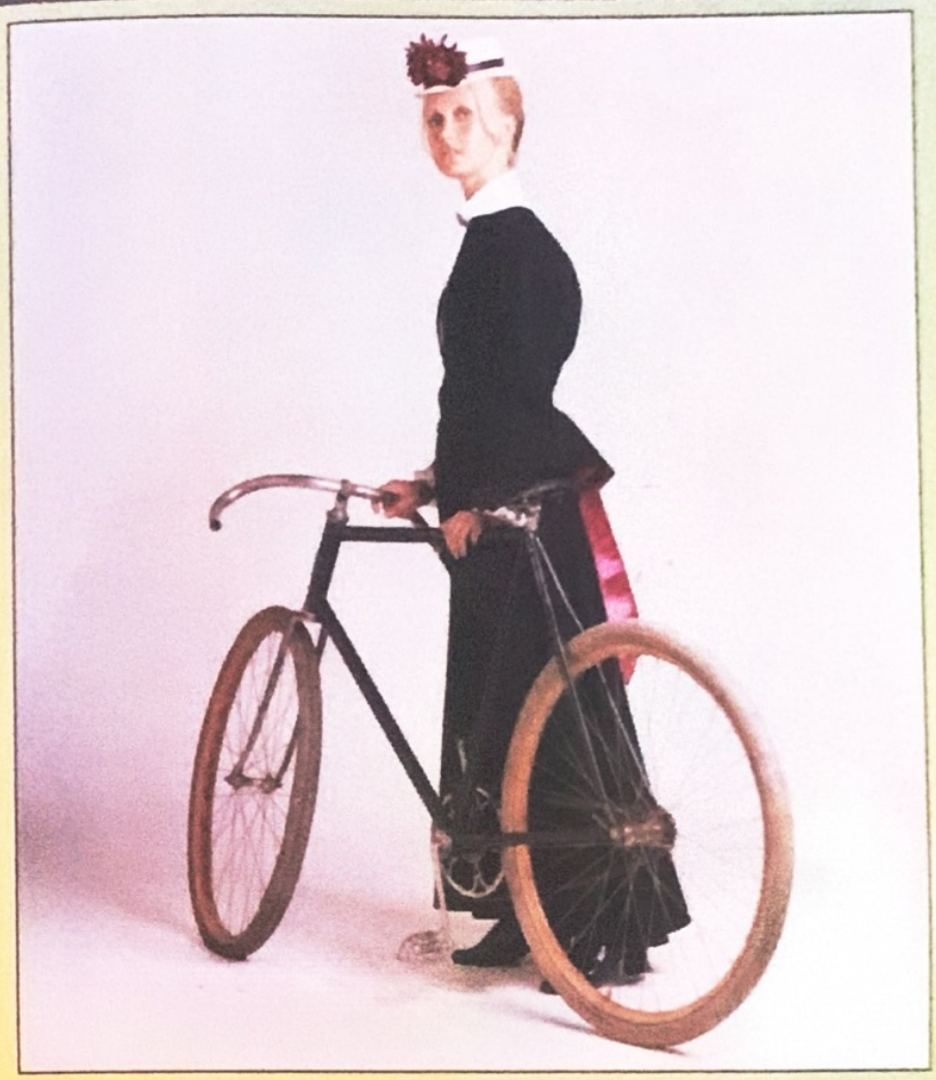


John Deere Bicycles

Deere & Company's most familiar bicycle production era is that of the early 1970s; however, the company first endeavored in bicycle sales during the "great bicycle craze" of the 1890s. During this early period, branch houses marketed bicycles from approximately 1894 to 1900. These early bicycles, many with wood rims, are a holy grail for today's serious John Deere collectors. Very few examples still exist. Deere & Co. archives has a very nice example of one of these very early bicycles.



MODEL	First/Last Serial Numbers
20" boys' Hi-Rise (black seat)	First S/N: 1000000, November 1972 Last S/N: 1134010, March 1975
20" girls' Hi-Rise (flower seat)	First S/N: 2100000, November 1972 Last S/N: 2132397, March 1975
26" men's 3-speed (green)	First S/N: 1200000, March 1973 Last S/N: 1224879, Date Unknown
26" men's 3-speed (blue)	First S/N: 1225000, Date Unknown Last S/N: Unknown, Date Unknown
26" ladies' 3-speed (green)	First S/N: 2200000, March 1973 Last S/N: 2221502, Date Unknown
26" ladies' 3-speed (blue)	First S/N: 2200000, Date Unknown Last S/N: Unknown, Date Unknown
27" universal 5-speed (white)	First S/N: 1300000, March 1973 Last S/N: 1336274, March 1975
27" universal 10-speed (21" frame)	First S/N: 2400000, March 1973 Last S/N: 2454598, Date Unknown
27" universal 10-speed (23" frame)	First S/N: 1500000, Date Unknown Last S/N: 1507466, March 1975

More commonly, the 1970s' era bicycles marketed by John Deere readily find there way into collections. For a period of approximately four years, from 1972 to 1976, Deere & Co. once again marketed bicycles to their customers—this time, not so much aimed toward the general public, but toward a new customer group, the consumer market. This customer group had created a whole new division at Deere & Company, referred to as the Commercial and Consumer Equipment group.

In 1963, with the introduction of the 110 lawn and garden tractor, Deere was now stepping outside the ag and industrial markets. From 1963 through to the 1980s, many consumer related products like garden tools, BBQs and even snowmobiles were all aimed at this market segment.

In 1972, Deere & Co. found two manufacturers of bicycles, operating in Taiwan, to produce a line of bicycles that would bear the company name and logos. Offered in five different colors (green, white, blue, black and yellow), the bicycles were designed for all ages. A boys and girls version were offered with a stylish banana seat and curved handlebars.

Men's and women's styles were offered in both three and five speed versions, and a men's 10 speed road bike rounded out the line. Distinctive logo placements could be found on the front frame, the handlebar covers and even the pedals.

Some of the more difficult to acquire versions today include the blue bicycles and the kids' banana seat models. If you think of how young boys treated their bicycles, you can maybe imagine why the boys' model with black banana seat is one of the less common ones to find in really nice condition.

— Dave McEachren

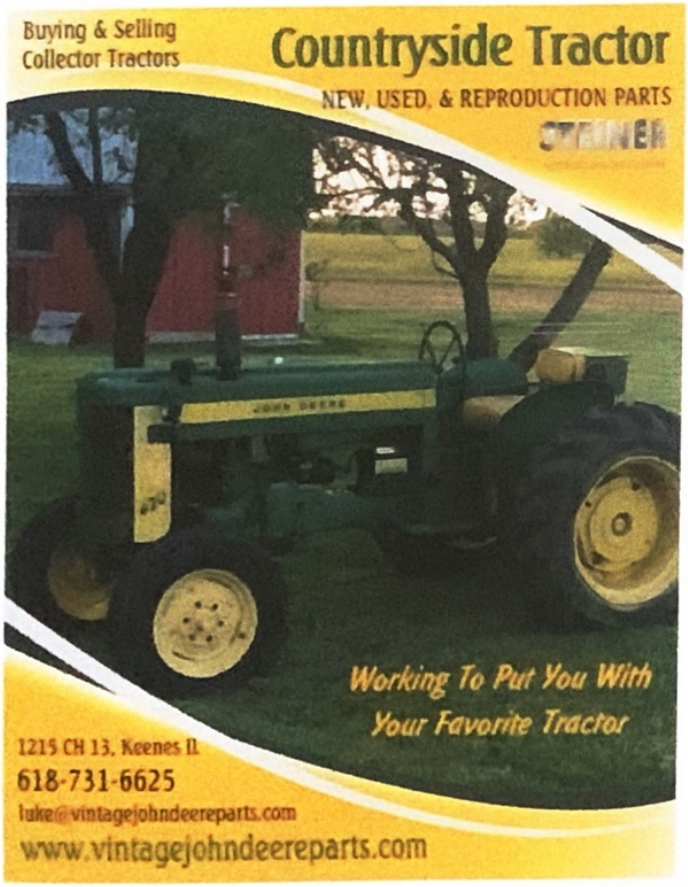
Youth step up to CGR 25 fundraiser

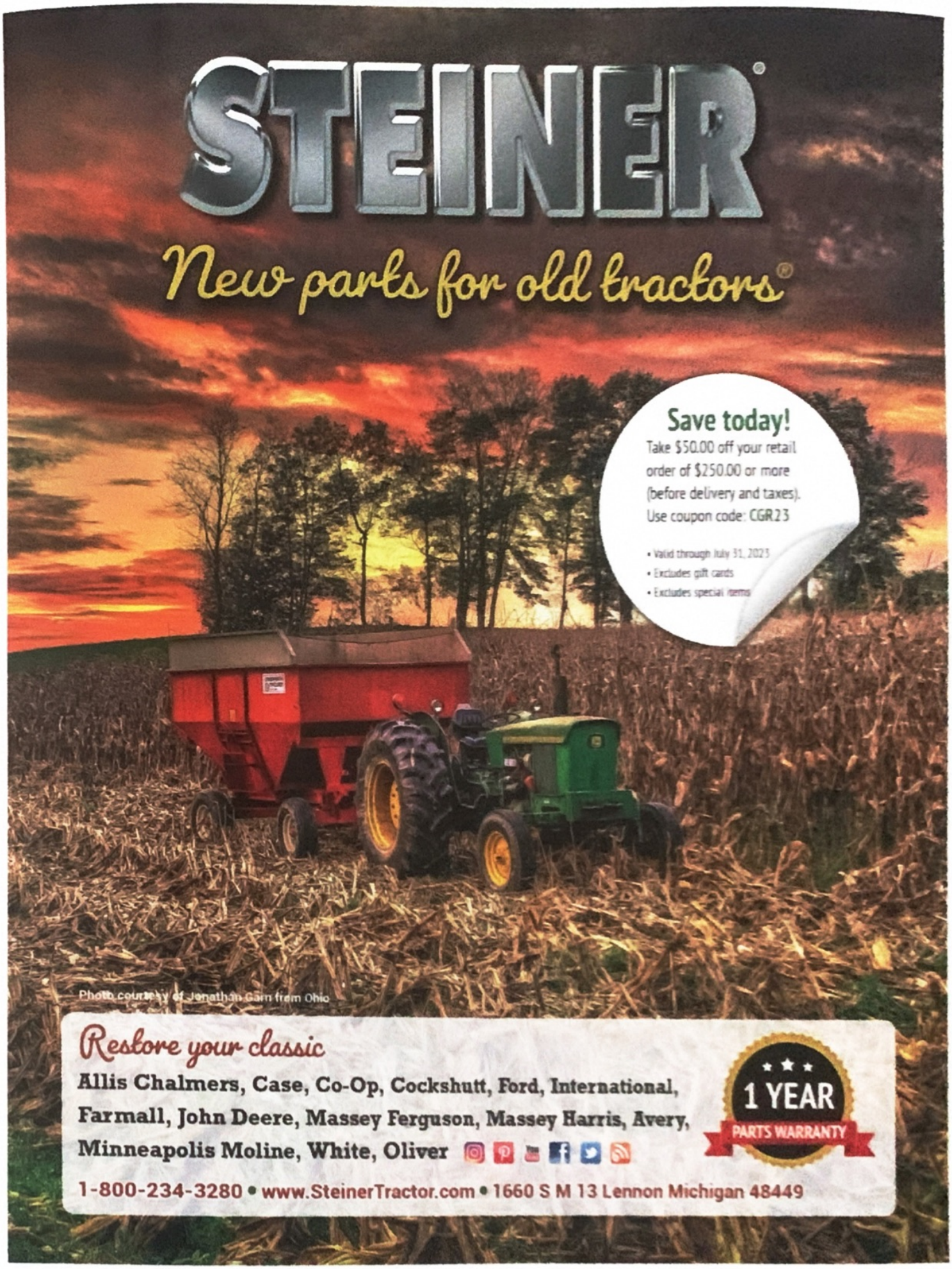
The Elkmont High School FFA of Elkmont, Alabama saw the Great "G" Give Away and decided that they wanted to get involved in a project also.

They selected a "BN" for their project and are hard at work, getting it restored to be raffled off at Classic Green Reunion 25, with proceeds going to their organization and Classic Green.

Thanks to Evergreen Restoration for their donation of parts, Harlan Wilson for a front tire, Hamilton and Allison Halford for paint and David Hargrove for shop space and guidance.

Tickets will be available at CGR 23 and other shows.

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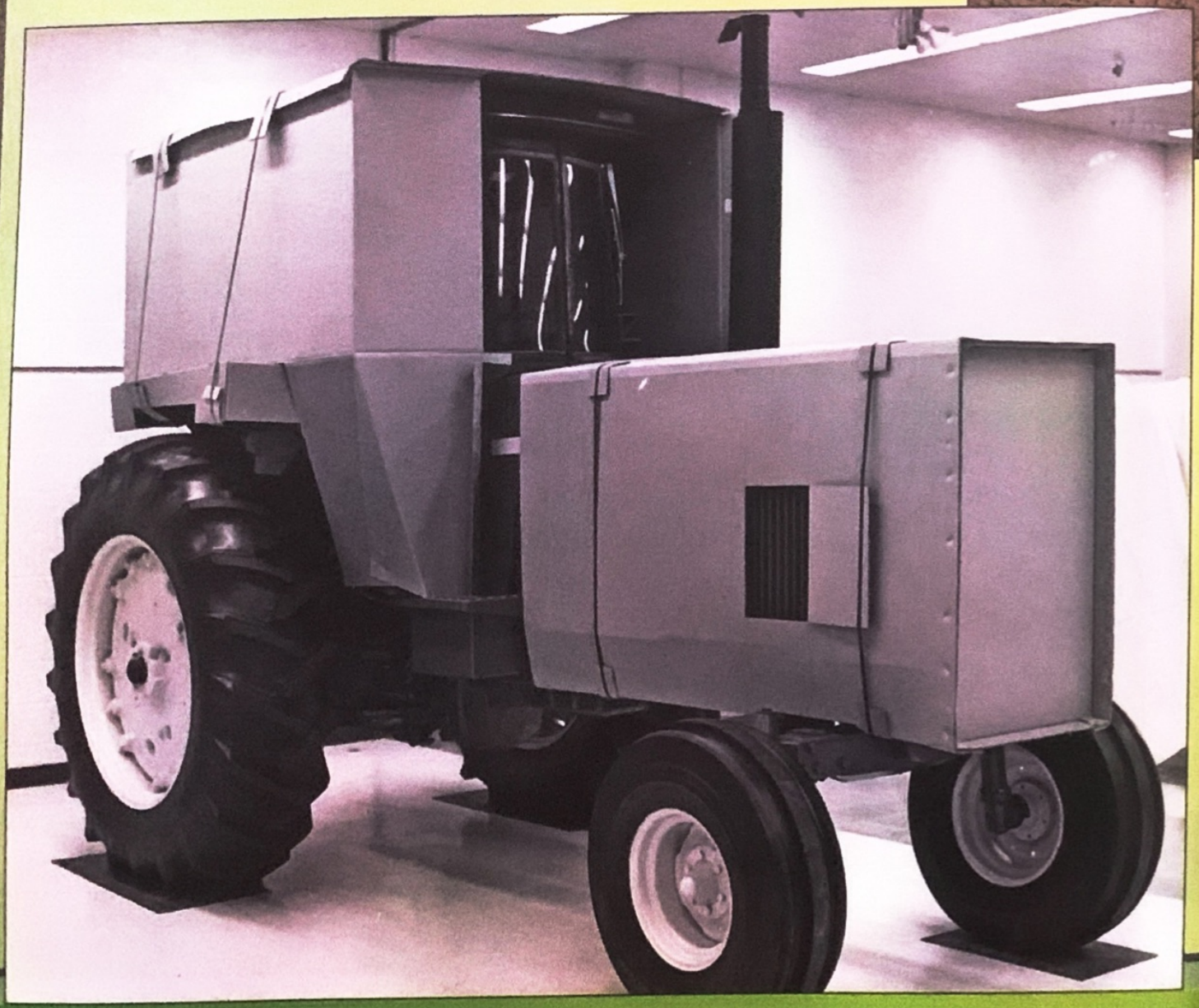

The line of John Deere Generation II tractors arrived at dealers in the fall of 1972, covered in cardboard so as not to give away their new features. Up until that time, only cars had bodies—tractors had cabs, which were merely add-on enclosures dropped over the operator's platform. However, the new Sound-Gard body introduced on the 30 series tractors was a self contained unit that combined both safety and comfort.

Built into the design of the bodies were heavy duty, four-post rollover protection systems, curved front glass that deflected sound away from the operator, sound-absorbing lead septum insulation, and vibration-reducing rubber mounts.

Four new models were introduced for the 1973 model year—the 80 horsepower 4030 with a 329 cubic inch Dubuque-built engine, the 100 horsepower 4230 with its 404 cubic inch naturally aspirated engine, the turbocharged 4430, which produced 125 horsepower and the top of the line turbocharged and inter-cooled 150 horsepower 4630.

The introduction of the Generation II tractors happened to coincide with an unprecedented rise in farm income and demand for the new machines became so great that it spurred Deere and Company into an expansion of its Waterloo factory and building a new engine factory.

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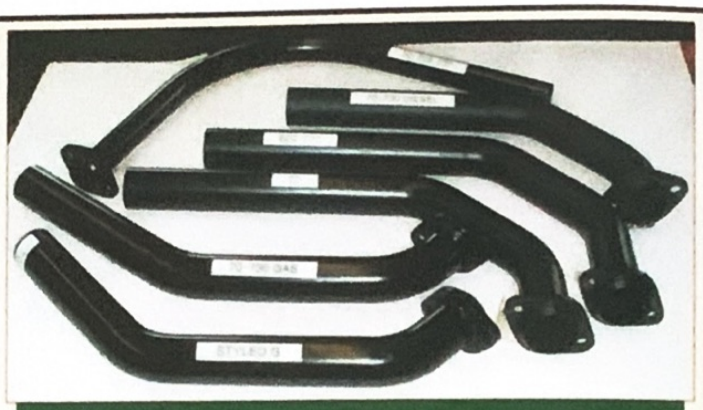

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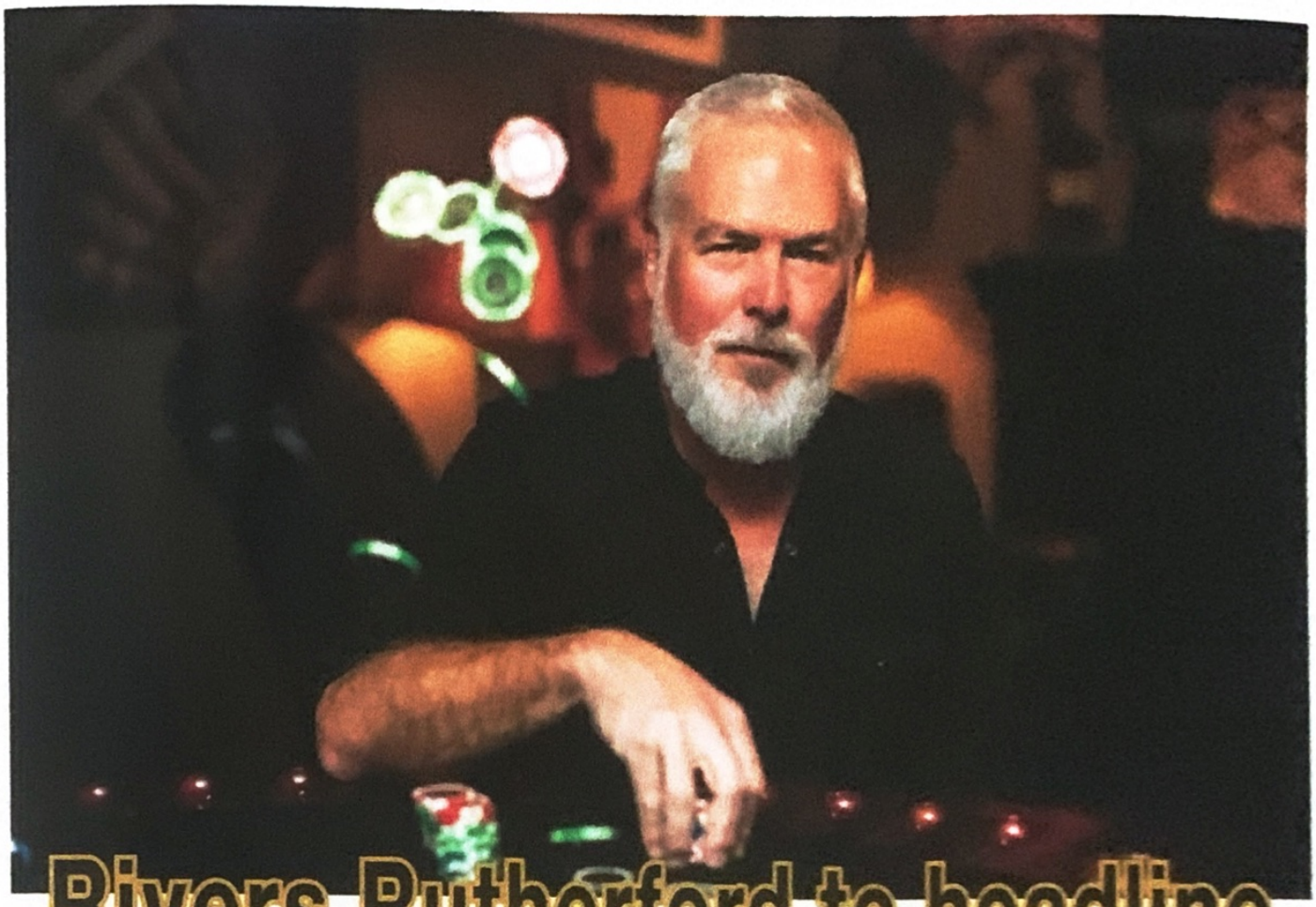

Rivers Rutherford to headline Classic Green banquet

With a name like Rivers Rutherford, it's no surprise this soulful storyteller and recent Nashville Songwriter's Hall of Famer was destined to become one of music's most talented and accomplished singer-songwriters. Having grown up in the shadow of Elvis' Graceland homestead in Memphis, Rutherford came out of the gates swinging at 21 years old, landing his first cut with American legends Johnny Cash, Willie Nelson, Waylon Jennings, and Kris Kristofferson (aka The Highwaymen). What followed were a dozen number one hits, multiple Grammys, CMA and ACM nominations, and more than 20 ASCAP awards, including both of the coveted awards for Country Song Of The Year and Songwriter Of The Year, all of which have firmly established Rutherford's position within the upper echelon of Nashville's most lauded songwriters.

You'll see Rivers' name on number one songs by Tim McGraw, Kenny Chesney, Brad Paisley and Dolly Parton (for the stunning and Grammy-nominated duet "When I Get Where I'm Going"), Rodney Atkins, Montgomery Gentry, Gretchen Wilson, Trace Atkins, and Brooks & Dunn—penning the duo's most successful single ever "Ain't Nothin' 'Bout You," which spent six weeks at number one and won both Billboard's and ASCAP's Song Of The Year. Rivers has also enjoyed success with country giants the likes of Carrie Underwood, Keith Urban, Lady Antebellum, Reba McEntire, George Jones, Toby Keith, Faith Hill, Hank Williams Jr., Gary Allan, and hosts of others.

Known for his gritty southern style, Rutherford is unapologetic about his faith, devotion to his family, and making great music. His decades-long career, the countless hits to his credit and his ability to write music that is timeless is a testament to a man that has come to be respected as an artist in his own right.

Currently signed to Verse 2 Music (a Sony Music Publishing joint venture helmed by Kane Brown and Kent Earls), Rivers continues to write with and for the biggest names in country music. He's also returned to his early troubadour roots and maintains a rigorous touring schedule (more than 50 dates a year), bringing his rip-roaring brand of no-holds-barred entertainment to audiences all over the world who come to hear his familiar hits straight from the source. With a persona that is at once direct, raw, and impassioned, Rivers possesses the shrewd skills of a storyteller who is capable of cutting right to the heart of the matter—a trait that leaves his talent both unique and timeless.

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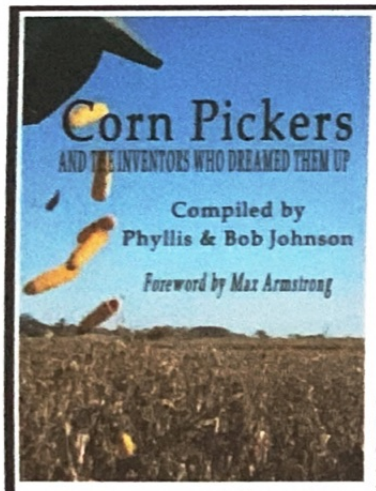

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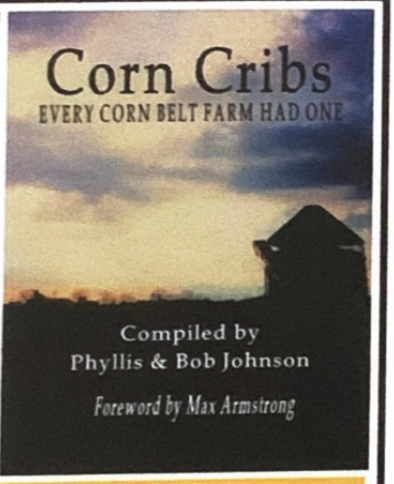

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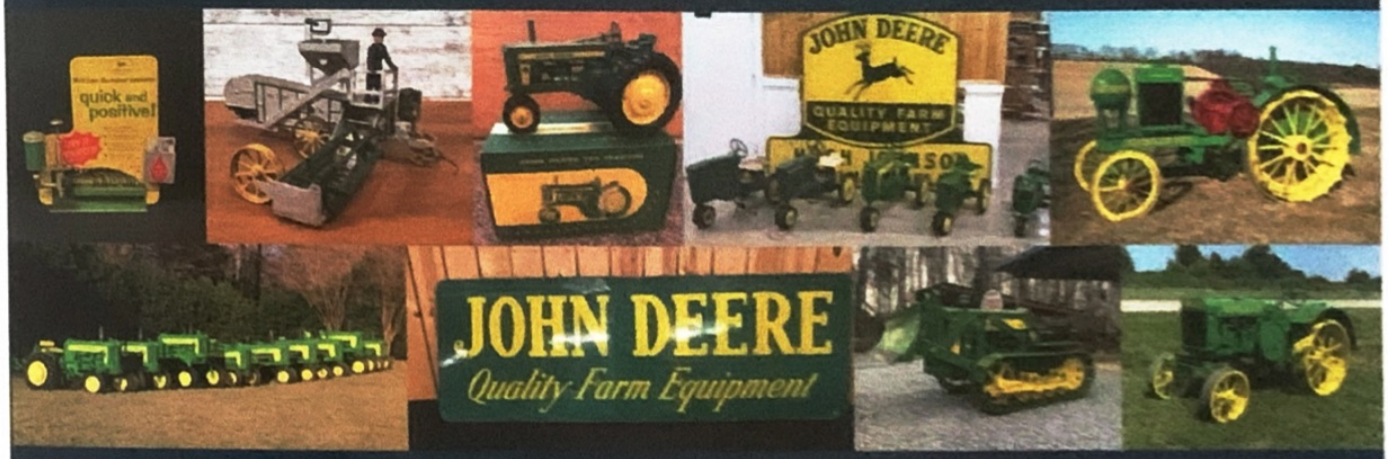

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The "D" was one of Deere's first tractors.

The model "G" was a big row crop tractor.

The 3010 was introduced in the fall of 1960.

"MI" is an "M" industrial.

The 830 was the largest two cylinder.

You can tell a model 62 by the "JD" on its front.

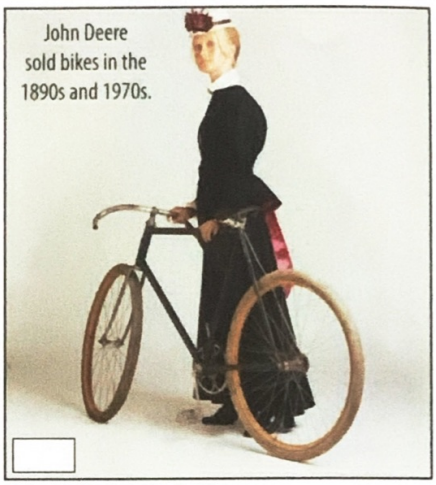
The 70 was an updated "G."

The sweeping fenders protected the 620 orchard from branches.

The "A" was very popular on middle sized farms.

The 50 took over for the model "B."

The "BO Lindeman" was an early crawler.



The unstyled "L" was only built for a year.

"E" engines were handy for many jobs around the farm.

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